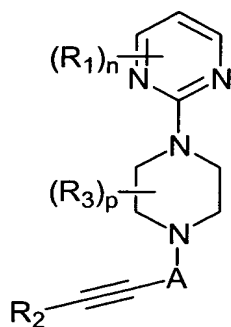


ABSTRACT

THERAPEUTIC AGENTS USEFUL FOR TREATING PAIN

5 The invention provides a compound of formula:

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(where R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , A, n, and p are disclosed herein) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof (a “2-Pyrimidinylpiperazine Compound”); pharmaceutical compositions comprising
15 an effective amount of a 2-Pyrimidinylpiperazine Compound; and methods for treating or preventing a condition such as pain, urinary incontinence, an addictive disorder, Parkinson’s disease, parkinsonism, anxiety, epilepsy, stroke, a seizure, a pruritic condition, psychosis, a cognitive disorder, a memory deficit, restricted brain function, Huntington's chorea, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, dementia, retinopathy, a muscle spasm, a migraine, vomiting,
20 dyskinesia, or depression in an animal comprising administering to an animal in need thereof an effective amount of a 2-Pyrimidinylpiperazine Compound.